

# Aruba Esso News

VOL. 12, No. 3

February 2, 1951



Lt. Gov. L. C. Kwartz addresses those attending the opening of the new Scout building at Dakota. Standing in back, from the left, are Mrs. Van der Linden, Mrs. Kwartz, Mrs. Van Erp, Mrs. Wurtz, Mr. Van der Linden, Mr. and Mrs. Hiemstra, Mr. Teagle, Mr. Van der Berg, and Mr. Wurtz.

## Scouts Get Clubhouse at Dakota

A second building, similar to the one given San Nicolas scouts in October, was donated by Lago to the Netherlands Boy Scouts Association for use as a clubhouse at Dakota.

The clubhouse was officially opened by Lt. Gov. Dr. L. C. Kwartz on Saturday, January 20 in a ceremony that was attended by government authorities, leaders in Aruba's scouting movement, and Lago representatives.

The plot of land was made available for the building by the government and the building will be used as an activities center and meeting place.

Mr. P. Wurtz, president of the NPV, gave the welcome address, thanking all who had helped make the clubhouse possible. He then handed the keys of the building to Aart Veenendaal, District Commissioner of the NPV. Lieut. Gov. Kwartz commemorated the opening by an address in which he stated that scouting is vital in building toward good citizenship.

Refreshments were served following the opening, and guests inspected the building which will add new scope to scouting activities in Aruba.

## Credit Limits Are Changed At Commissary

Two important changes were announced last month in connection with employee credit limits at the new Lago Commissary. Both changes were the results of discussions with the Commissary Advisory Committee; one went into effect on February 1, and the other becomes effective March 1. (A notice went out late last month to all staff and regular employees, notifying them of the changes.)

The changes affect the credit limits of both single status employees and married employees with their families living in Aruba.

### Single Status Employees

Single status employees may buy up to 20 per cent of their normal earnings rounded out upwards to the nearest even Fls. 10 (normal earnings include any cost of living bonus in effect). The maximum commissary credit for single status employees is Fls. 150 per month; this change goes into effect March 1.

Single status employees can easily determine their credit limit this way: multiply your normal monthly earnings, including any cost of living bonus, by 20 per cent - round out that figure up to the nearest even Fls. 10, and that's your credit limit for the month. This limit cannot go over Fls. 150.

### Married Employees

Married employees with their families living in Aruba may buy up to 40 per cent of their normal earnings rounded out upwards to the nearest even Fls. 10 (here, too, normal earnings include any cost of living bonus in effect). Maximum commissary credit for these employees is Fls. 300; this change went into effect February 1.

There may be exceptional cases where normal credit is not enough. If so, you may apply for additional credit at the Employment Annex at the Main Gate. In no case will credit be extended beyond Fls. 300 a month. Employees now receiving additional credit should again apply for it, so that all applications will be up to date.

Commissary credit limits serve (Turn to page 6, column 2)



B. F. Dirksz

C. R. A. Bishop

H. Kelly

## Dirksz, Bishop, Kelly To Head LEC Again

Thanks for the mutual cooperation and assistance shown during the past year marked the annual turn-over meeting last month between the LEC and members of Management. Following the joint meeting, held January 24, members of the LEC re-elected last year's officers to serve in 1951.

Continuing in office for another year are B. F. Dirksz (TSD), president; C. R. A. Bishop (M&C), vice-president; and H. Kelly (EIG), secretary. Other LEC members are B. K. Chand (M&C), J. Maduro (Industrial Relations), S. Luydens (Cracking), and H. Blaize (Colony Service).

At the joint meeting Lago President J. J. Horgan thanked the retiring councilman and those presently in office for the work they had accomplished during the past year.

"The spirit of cooperation which existed throughout the past year enabled Management to take a big step forward in employee relations," Mr. Horgan said. "Management is again looking forward to the Council's cooperation in solving whatever problems that may arise during the year."

General Manager O. Mingus also expressed his appreciation to the LEC for its services of the past year, and for the spirit of cooperation it had shown. Mr. Mingus wished LEC members another successful term in office, and expressed the hope that the cooperation shown last year would continue.

LEC activities of the past year were briefly reviewed by General Superintendent F. E. Griffin. He pointed out that "the relationships which existed during meetings, deliberations, and the hard work in (Turn to page 4, column 3)

## Cas di Padvinders Duna pa Lago

Di dos edificio, parecido na esun duná na e padvindersnan di San Nicolas na luna di October, tabata duná na NPV door di Lago pa uso como clubhuis na Dakota.

E clubhuis a worde habri oficialmente door di Gezaghebber Kwartz diasobra dia 20 di Januari, cu un ceremonia en cual autoridad di gobierno, leidersnan di padvinderij su movicion na Aruba, y representante di Lago a asisti.

E pida terra a worde hanja door di gobierno pa e edificio, y e clubhuis lo worde usa pa actividadnan y lugar di reuni.

Sr. P. Wurtz, president di NPV a bonini y a agradeci tur cu a yuda haci e clubhuis posibel. Despues di esey el a duna e llavinan di es edificio na Aart Veenendaal. Gezaghebber Kwartz a duna di comprende cu padvinderij ta algo vital den formacion di bon ciudadano. Refresco a worde sirbi despues di habrimiento, y invitadosnan a inspecta e edificio cual lo duna mas animo na padvinderij na Aruba.

## Rockets Are Dangerous

Employees are cautioned against setting off sky rockets and similar fireworks near the refinery, since there is always the danger of a rocket falling and starting a refinery fire. In fact, that is what happened New Year's Eve, when a sky rocket landed near the Acid Plant and started a small fire. Fortunately, the fire was not serious - but it could have been.

There were other instances New Year's Eve of rockets being set off in Lago Heights and landing in the tank farm.

Fireworks can be a lot of fun - but they can also be extremely dangerous if you are not careful with them. One rocket landing in the refinery can do a lot of damage, endangering the lives of a great number of people. For that reason employees are urged to be very careful about where they set off sky rockets.

## Schedule of Paydays

Semi-Monthly Payroll	
January 16-31	Thursday, February 8
February 1-15	Friday, February 23
Monthly Payrolls	
January 1-31	Friday, February 9



The contract between the Home Building Foundation and Petrona and Croes, contractors, was signed January 12. From the left are G. A. Molloy, treasurer; J. Wervers, signatory; C. F. Smith, chairman; N. P. Schindeler, Home Building coordinator for T.S.D.; E. Petrona of the contracting firm, and F. Beaujon, secretary. It is estimated the 37 new houses to be built at Dakota will be completed by the end of this year.

E contrato entre e Home Building Foundation y Petrona & Croes, contratistas, a worde firmá dia 12 di Januari. Segun ta calculá cu e 37 casnan nobo cu lo worde trahá na Dakota lo bini clá pa fin di aña.



An electric train under the Christmas tree, and television (the set is shown at left), were only a part of the state-side Christmas enjoyed by Jan Wester, standing, and Pedro Irausquin, Lago's scholarship winners. Jan and Pedro are living with the Donald Wilkinsons in Allentown, Pa., and attending the Vocational High School there. They are shown here with the two Wilkinson children.

Un trein electrico bao di Christmas tree, y television (e set ta na banda robez), tabata un parti di Pascu den America goza pa Jan Wester, y Pedro Irausquin. Jan cu Pedro ta biba hunto cu e famia Donald Wilkinsons na Allentown, Pa., y asistiendo e Vocational High School aya. Aki bo por mira nan hunto cu e dos yiunan di Wilkinsons.



# ARUBA **Esso** NEWS

PUBLISHED EVERY SECOND FRIDAY AT ARUBA, NETHERLANDS  
WEST INDIES, BY THE LAGO OIL & TRANSPORT CO., LTD.  
Printed by the Curaçoesche Courant, Curaçao, N.W.I.



Members of the Vocational Training School's 4-50 class take credit for being the first first-year class to go 50 days without a single industrial injury. Safety is a big part of the boys' training, and the boys above, by their record, show that they realize the importance of it.

## 50 Boys Complete 1st Quarter With Perfect Attendance

Fifty boys in the first two years of the Vocational Training School completed the first quarter of their work with perfect attendance records. None of the boys were either absent or late for the period from last September 25 through December 16.

Of the group of 50, 32 of the boys are from the first year class (the 1950 class), and the remaining 18 from the 1949 group.

Those in the 50 group are as follows: R. Angela, A. Croes, M. Feliciano, A. Kock, J. Wouters, A. Britten, N. Helder, F. Kock, W. Nicolaas, R. Peterson, A. Ras, A. Rasmijn, C. Richardson, J. Van Wilgen, S. Bryon, O. Geerman, M. Gonsalves, L. Greauz, J. Henriquez, R. Henricus, C. Kwidama, J. Maduro, L. Pom, E. Arnell, P. Brunings, H. Cyntje, R. Hodge, J. Julian, L. Kock, C. Lynch, E. Maduro, and H. Maduro.

Members of the 1949 class with perfect attendance records are F. Bairren, L. E. Wilson, J. Philip, I. Arrindell, T. A. Wester, M. Wouters, L. Yarzargaray, B. V. Romeo, P. Peterson, N. Krozendijk, R. Gil, A. A. Dabian, E. E. Coffi, A. Tromp, P. E. Hasell, A. P. Larez, E. Tromp, and J. Vrolijk.

## New Shift Schedules Given Out by CYI

The greater part of the shipment of the 1951 shift schedules and CYI holiday cards arrived late last month and have been given out to employees. This year's schedule has a plastic coated cover and, if properly taken care of, should last for the rest of the year.

On the cover of this year's schedule is the CYI owl, telling employees to coin their ideas. Inside is the shift schedule for the year, where paydays are also noted. (There is one typographical error on the payday schedule inside. February 28 is noted as a semi-monthly payday; instead, it should be February 8).

The back of the card has a 1951 calendar, with this year's holidays noted, and the complete schedule of paydays for the year. The card also has two short rulers along its edges - one in inches, the other in centimeters.

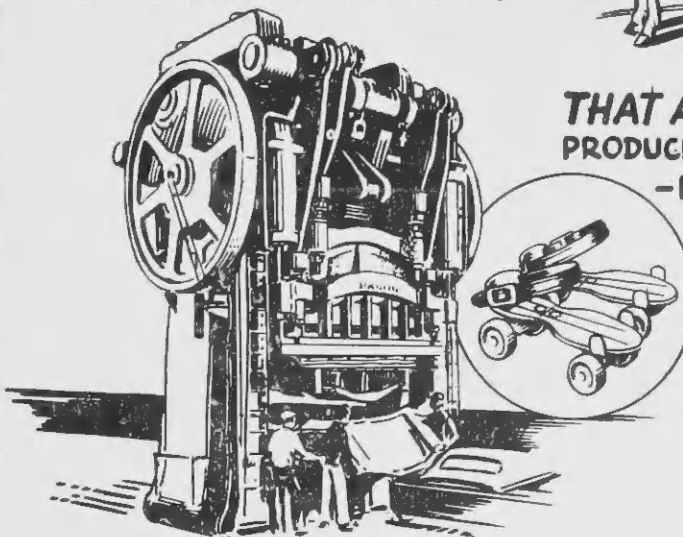
Each employee will receive one of the cards. The partial shipment that arrived last month was distributed to employees in all departments except Industrial Relations, Colony Service, and part of the Marine Department. Employees in these departments will receive their cards as soon as they arrive.

## DID YOU KNOW—



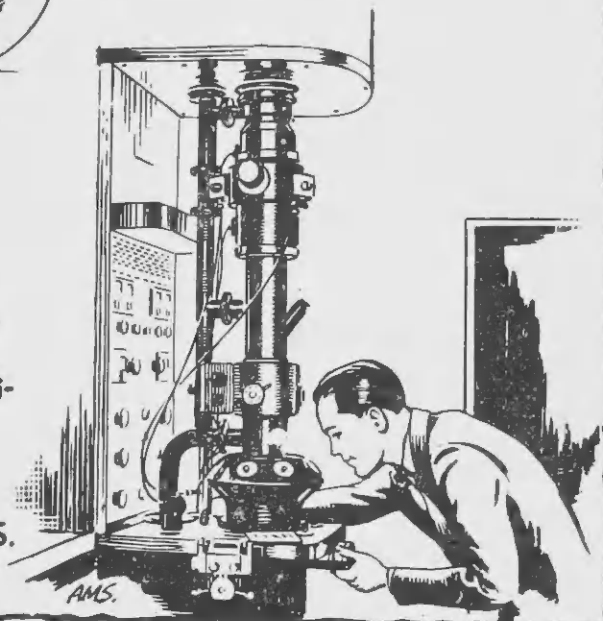
THAT GREASE WAS USED FOR LUBRICATING LONG BEFORE THE DISCOVERY OF OIL IN AMERICA? THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS SMEARED ANIMAL FAT ON THE AXLES OF THEIR CHARIOTS FOR LUBRICATION. MODERN REFINING PRODUCES HIGH QUALITY LUBRICANTS FOR THOUSANDS OF VARIED USES.

THAT THE FIRST TAXI, HORSE-DRAWN AND COMPLETE WITH MILEAGE METER, WAS INVENTED IN THE EARLY 1500'S BY LEONARDO DA VINCI? TODAY, THOUSANDS OF OIL-POWERED AND OIL-LUBRICATED TAXIS HELP MAKE TRAVEL SWIFT, COMFORTABLE AND INEXPENSIVE.



THAT AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES PRODUCE MORE THAN 1500 LUBRICANTS - RANGING FROM GREASES FOR BIG INDUSTRIAL PLANTS TO LIGHT OILS FOR SUCH SIMPLE THINGS AS ROLLER SKATES.

THAT OIL RESEARCHERS USE AN ELECTRONIC MICROSCOPE WHICH PHOTOGRAPHS GREASE FIBRES MEASURING 29.37 MILLIONTHS OF AN INCH? THIS INSTRUMENT, WHICH MAGNIFIES UP TO 26,000 TIMES, IS ONLY ONE OF THE SCIENTIFIC TOOLS WHICH OIL MEN USE TO IMPROVE PRESENT PRODUCTS AND TO CREATE NEW ONES.



## Father Holterman Leaves San Nicolas

Concluding twelve years of service in St. Theresa's parish, San Nicolas, Reverend J. M. Holterman left for Holland via the United States on Tuesday, January 23.

Succeeding him in San Nicolas is Reverend Bruno Boradori who comes to Aruba from Marigot, St. Martin. Father Holterman on his return to the Antilles in July will take over and organize the newly formed parish of Steenrijk in Curaçao.

Both Fathers Holterman and Boradori have had similar careers in the West Indies. In 1935 Father Boradori replaced Father Holterman in Soto, Curaçao. In 1939 he succeeded him in Marigot. Now, for the third time, he takes over the guidance of a successful and energetic parish.

Father Holterman will take a long vacation after 19 years of service in the islands. He plans to stop in Miami, stay in Washington, and then leave for Holland on the Queen Elizabeth. Father Boradori has spent 16 years in the Netherlands Antilles and 12 years in the Windward Islands.

On the Sunday before Father Holterman's departure, the Holy Name Society and the League of Mary organized a farewell gathering at the Cecilia Club. Speakers for the evening were Harry Mills (International Seamen's Club); Al Casali (St. Christopher Club); John Francisco (Holy Name Society); Mrs. N. Chong (League of Mary); Hans



Rev. J. M. Holterman

Meyer (White Yellow Cross); and C. Maduro (Holy Name Society), who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Both the League of Mary and the Boy Scouts gave Father Holterman a gift in appreciation of his work. Father Holterman, in turn, introduced Father Boradori and expressed his thanks for the years of help from the people of the Parish.

Representing Lago at the ceremonies were General Superintendent F. E. Griffin and Public Relations Director B. Teagle.

## Pastoor Holterman Ta Laga San Nicolas

Completando diez dos años de servicio den parroquia di Santa Teresita, na San Nicolas, Pastoor J. M. Holterman a sali pa Holanda via Estados Unidos Dia Mars, dia 23 di Januari.

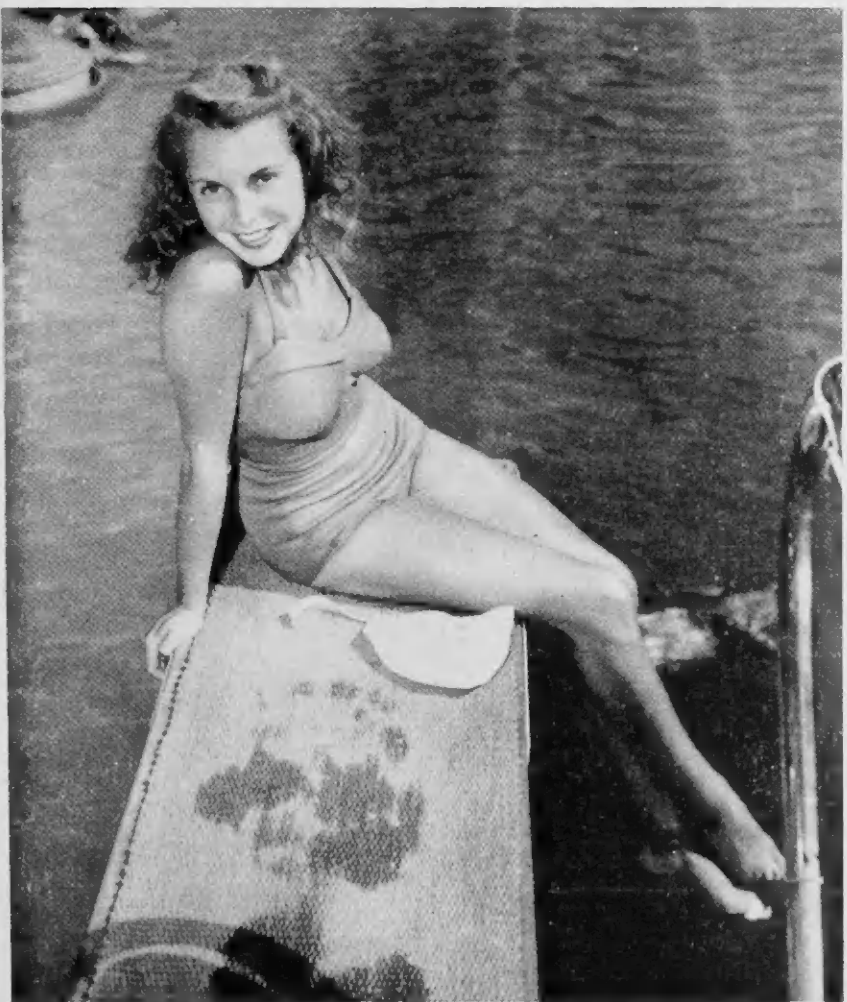
Pastoor Bruno Boradori kende a bini Aruba for di Marigot, San Martin, ta tumando su lugar na San Nicolas. Pastoor Holterman cu su regreso na Antillas na Juli lo tuma over y organiza e parroquia nobo di Steenrijk na Curaçao.

Tur dos pastoor Holterman y Boradori tabatin carrera similar den West Indie. Na 1935 Pastoor Boradori a reemplazá Pastoor Holterman na Soto, Curaçao. Na 1939, el a tuma su lugar na Marigot. Awor, pa di tres biaha, e ta tuma over e guia di un parroquia satisfactorio.

Pastoor Holterman lo tuma un vacante largo despues di ta sirbiendo 19 años den e islanan aki. E ta plan di stop na Miami, keda na Washington, y despues sali pa Holanda, bordo di Queen Elizabeth. Pastoor Boradori a pasa 16 años den Antillas Holandes y 12 años na Isla Ariba.

## Payday Correction

The hours for payoffs at the Sea Grape Grove Gate (Gate 6) were incorrectly stated in the 1951 schedule of paydays carried in the last issue. Hours on weekday paydays will be from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., not from 2:30 to 6 as stated.



Although it's a new year, the same old pictures of bathing beauties are still seen around the refinery that were here last year. Here's a good replacement - she's Janet Leigh, RKO starlet.





A big job of the Reclamation Yard is reclaiming valves, making them as good as new so they can be used again. Jacobo Croes (wearing hat), assistant reclamation sub-foreman, and Francis De Gale are seen among valves that will be reclaimed.

Un trabao grandi di Reclamation Yard ta drechamento di valv, haci nan mes bon cu nobo, asina cu nan por word: usá atrobe. Jacobo Croes (cu sombre) assistant reclamation supervisor, y Francis De Gale ta mei-mei di valvnan cu lo worde reclamá.

# They Cut Costs by making materials good as new

In these days of mounting competition, rising costs, and uncertain delivery outlook, two factors have assumed a greater importance than ever before. They are the prevention of waste, and getting maximum use from materials. On both these counts, Lago's Reclamation Yard plays an important role in the refinery's program to operate as efficiently as possible.

The present critical shortage of materials from the States and elsewhere makes the refinery's demands on the salvage operations heavier than ever.

The Reclamation Yard is a section of the M&C Storehouse, and its job is briefly this: to take material that cannot be used as it is, and bring it back to a condition where it is as good as new.

Much of the Yard's work is routine: repairing valves, fittings, pipe, bolts, and other refinery materials. This is the work that goes on from day to day, taking materials that need repairing and making them as good as new.

Occasionally, however, the work of the Yard assumes a much greater immediate importance. At those times, whether or not a particular unit can operate may hinge entirely on the Reclamation Yard.

Recently, for instance, a particular unit was down for repairs and it was found that a certain type of two-inch valve was needed. Since this particular valve was out of stock, it became of vital importance to

repair one; otherwise, a valve would have to be air-expressed from the States, which would have been expensive, and the delay might have prevented the unit from coming up on time. By taking parts from two old valves, men at the Reclamation Yard were able to make a valve. Their work made it possible for the unit to go back into operation on schedule.

Each year the Yard reclaims around 5000 valves, or about 420 a month. Since valves range in price up to Fls. 800 each, the important contribution of the Reclamation Yard to keeping costs down is obvious.

The Yard fulfills an important function in the material replenishment program of the Storehouse. The office at the Yard maintains a complete set of records showing the materials which lend themselves for repair and which are carried in the Storehouse for the upkeep of the refinery. These records also show yearly requirements.

Materials sent to the Reclamation Yard are identified by these records, which show whether or not they are carried in the Storehouse as active materials. If they are, a visual inspection is made to determine whether or not repairs are possible and economical. When this has been decided, valves, for instance, are broken open for a second inspection of their internal parts. If this second inspection reveals that repairs are not possible, the valve will be discarded and sold as scrap.

Materials that are not normally carried in the Storehouse are repaired or held only when the person sending them to the Yard requests it. Such requests are numerous, and range from single items such as special valves and floodlights to large equipment like pumps and shears.

After a valve has been broken open, and if it is to be saved, it will be lapped. Surfaces are often roughened by corrosion and wear, and lapping means smoothing them out so they will fit securely. Then the valve is assembled and ready for testing.

The test given is more severe than the one given by the manufacturer. This means that the reconditioned valve must test equal to a new one. Valves designed for under 150 pounds of pressure are tested at twice their indicated pressure; over 150 pounds, at three times their indicated pressure. Thus, if the valve is designed for 200 pounds of pressure, it will actually be tested to see that it is capable of handling 600 pounds. This provides a wide margin of safety, insuring that the reconditioned valve is capable of being reused safely.

After it passes the test, the valve is dipped in rust preventive paint for protection.

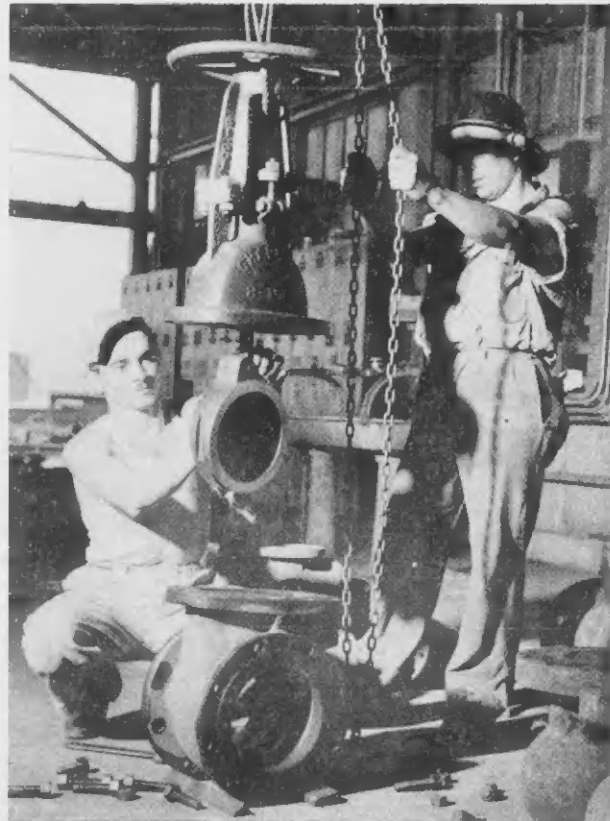
Before placing orders for new materials in the States, the Requirements Division of the Storehouse checks with the Reclamation Yard to see if any of the items to be ordered are available there. It is a simple

(Turn to page 4, column 5)



George Wellington (standing) and Antolino Ridderstaat break open a valve for inspection purposes.

George Wellington (pará) y Antolino Ridderstaat a desarmá un valv pa inspeccion.



Antonio Coll (kneeling) and Secundino Kock assemble a valve after it has been thoroughly repaired. Then the reclaimed valve is checked.

Antonio Coll (na rodia) y Secundino Kock ta arma un valv despues cu e tabata completamente drecha. Despues e valv ta worde gecheck.



Reclamation supervisor C. Normandt (right) checks pressure on gauge while Secundino Kock (shop corporal), Thomas Croes, and Antonio Coll check a reclaimed valve.

Reclamation supervisor C. Normandt (banda drechi) ta check presion ariba meter, mientras Secundino Kock, Thomas Croes, y Antonio Coll ta check un valv.



Nazario Geerman (near camera) and Juan A. Rodriguez smooth out valve surfaces so they will fit properly.

Nazario Geerman (cerca di camera) y Juan A. Rodriguez ta feilando valv pa fit exacto.



Small valves need reclaiming just as much as big ones. Augustinus Figaroa (above) is seen repairing small screw valves.

Valvnan chikito mester di reparacion mes tanto cu e grandinan. Augustinus Figaroa (ariba) ta drechando valvnan chikito.



Jozef Dubero (left) and Simplicio Boekhouwer burn flanges off reclaimed pipe that has been sent to the Reclamation Yard.

Jozef Dubero (banda robez) y Simplicio Boekhouwer ta kimando e pekanan for di tubonan cu a worde manda na Reclamation Yard.





Captain MacLean, Mr. Wiley, and Mr. Davison present George with a Fls. 1,161.80 check.

## Former Bus Driver Given Fls. 1,161.80

Leonard George Donald, Lago bus driver who lost his left leg through an infection, was wreathed in smiles last week at Lago Hospital when a committee from the Marine Club presented him with a check for Fls. 1,161.80.

In a letter accompanying the check, the committee stated, "Remembering your unfailing courtesy... many acts of willing service... the entire membership wishes you to accept the enclosed token of our appreciation."

In presenting the check, Mr. Davison noted that it was in "payment" for services rendered in the past and that each of George's friends wished him a speedy recovery to health and strength.

Leonard George Donald, chauffeur di Lago bus a perde su pia robez door di un infeccion, tabata bao sonrisas siman pasá na Lago Hospital ora cu e comité di Marine Club a presenté cu un check di Fls. 1,161.80.

Den un carta acompaña cu e check, e comité a pone "Recordando bo cortesía... hopi accion di bon voluntad... tur e miembronan ta desea pa bo acepta es regalo chikito di nan aprecio".

Den presentamento di e check, Mr. Davison a nota cu e tabata en "pagamento" pa servicionan duná en pasado y cada un di George su amigonan ta deseá di recubri su salud y fortaleza.



Appearing for two performances at the De Veer theater in Oranjestad, Tito Guizar, famous singing star, paid Aruba a visit during the middle of January. His melodious voice and guitar made him outstanding in the movie "El Rancho Grande."

Albertus Heidweiller, junior field inspector B in EIG, was married January 25 to Damasa Rafael. The ceremony was performed at the St. Francis Church in Oranjestad. Before his marriage, Mr. Heidweiller received a wedding gift from fellow employees in EIG; they gave him a silver service.

## Caracas Builds New Hotel

The new Tamanaco Hotel, considered the largest hotel in South America, is scheduled to open in Caracas around the middle of 1952. It will have 12 stories, 400 rooms, and two underground floors.

Delegations to the 1953 Pan American Convention, which will meet in Caracas, will be housed in this modern hotel.

## Limite di Credit A Worde Cambiá Na Commissary

Dos cambio importante a worde anunciá luna pasá en coneccion cu credit di empleado na Lago Commissary. Tur dos cambio tabata e resultado di discusionesnan cu Commissary Advisory Committee; un lo ta efecto dia 1 di Februari, y e otro lo bira efecto dia 1 di Maart.

(Un aviso a sali luna pasá pa tur empleado di staff y regular, notificando nan tocante cambios.)

### Empleadonan Soltero

Empleadonan soltero por compra te na 20 por ciento di nan sueldo gerond te na e Fls. 10.— mas cerca, pa haci nan sueldo un rondgetal (sueldo normal ta inclui cualkier bonus di costo di bida cu ta efecto). E credit maximum na commissary pa empleadonan soltero ta Fls. 150 pa luna; es cambio aki lo bira efecto dia 1 di Maart.

Empleadonan soltero por determiná nan credit mashar facil di es manera aki: Vermenigvuldig bo sueldo normal, incluyendo bonus di costo di bida, door di 20 porciento - haci e suma mas cerca di Fls. 10 un rondgetal, y asina bo ta haya sabi bo limite di credit pa luna. Es limite aki no por pasa Fls. 150.

### Empleadonan Casá

Empleadonan casá cu nan famia bibando na Aruba por compra te na 40 por ciento di nan sueldo normal gerond te na e suma mas cercano di Fls. 10 (aki, kiambe, sueldo normal ta inclui cualkier bonus di costo di bida cu ta efecto). Credit maximum na commissary pa empleadonan casá ta Fls. 300; es cambio aki a bira efecto dia 1 di Februari.

Lo tin casos excepcionel unda cu credit normal no ta suficiente. Si ta asina, bo por pidi un credit acerca na Employment Annex na Main Gate. Den ningun caso credit lo worde duná ariba Fls. 300 pa luna. Empleadonan actual cu ta ricibi credit extra mester bolbe pidi p'e, asina ta cu tur solicitacion lo ta up to date.

Limite nan di credit di commissary ta sirbi pa dos motivo. E ta laga bo sa e cantidad cu bo por compra na commissary, y e ta preveni overdrafts den bo cuenta na payroll. Pa yudabo tene bo compra na liña, lista di credit di commissary ta poní den varios lugar den Lago Commissary. E lista nan aki ta muestra, door di ganamento pa hora o dia, e cantidad di credit normal na cual bo ta. Ta keda na es empleado mes pa controlá su compras, asina ta cu e no pasa su limite. Recibo di caha ta muestra e cantidad di cada compra; empleadonan por wel tene nan, pa sabi com

## Comunicacion Telefonica Entre Aruba y Caracas

Servicio direct di telefoon entre Aruba y Caracas, a cumenzá luna pasá. E servicio nobo aki a bira efecto dia 15 di Januari, cu ceremonias apropiado na Consulado di Venezuela aki na Aruba.

## LEC Officers Reelected

(Continued from page 1)

developing the Working Agreement were of great significance." These relationships, he continued, "were conducted on a most cordial, pleasant, and business-like basis."

In thanking LEC members for their assistance during the past year, Mr. Griffin paid special congratulations to Mr. Dirksz and Mr. Bishop for their capable chairmanship during the year.

LEC President Dirksz paid thanks to the Company and the Council for the cooperation and assistance both had shown him during the year. Other councilmen joined him in voicing the hope that this cooperation would carry on through the year.

Both Company representatives and Council members paid tribute to Norbert Baptiste, TSD, the retiring councilman from last year's LEC.

Company representatives who will work with the Lago Employee Council this year are Mr. Griffin, chairman; Mechanical Superintendent H. Chippendale; Industrial Relations Director J. V. Friel; and Technical Superintendent J. M. Whiteley. Mr. Whiteley replaces Personnel Manager F. J. Getts for this year.



Cocktails and dinner highlighted the tour of the KNSM ship Boskoop by members of the Aruba Press Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and their wives on January 17. Part of the group is seen above in the ship's dining room with officers of the vessel. The guests were conducted on a through tour of the ship, which will make tours through the Caribbean area.

Cocktails y cena den e toer den e vapor di KNSM Boskoop door di miembronan di Aruba Press Association, e Kamber di Comercio, y nan senoras, ariba e dia 17 di Januari. Un parti di e grupo ta mas ariba den e comedor di e vapor, junto cu officiernan di es vapor.

## Venezolanos en Aruba Con Debida Inscripcion

Consul General de Venezuela en Aruba, notifica a todos los ciudadanos venezolanos que hayan cumplido dieciocho (18) años de edad durante el año 1950 el deber en que estan de presentarse ante el consulado desde el 2 de Enero hasta el 31 de Marzo para su debida inscripcion.

## Dirksz, Bishop, Kelly Pa Dirigi LEC Atrobe

Mashar danki pa e cooperacion y asistencia muntra durante e aña cu a pasa cual a marca e reunion anual di dunamento di over luna pasa entre LEC y miembronan di Directiva. Siguiendo e reunion, teni dia 24 di Januari, miembronan di LEC a bolbe eligi officialnan di aña pasa pa sirbi den 1951.

Siguiendo den oficio pa un otro aña ta B. F. Dirksz, di TSD, como president; C. R. A. Bishop, di M&C, como vice-president; y H. Kelly di EIG, como secretario. Otro miembronan di LEC ta B. K. Chand, di M&C, J. Maduro, di Industrial Relations, S. Luydens, di Cracking, y H. Blaize, di Colony Service.

Den es reunion President di Lago J. J. Horigan a gradeci e councilman cual a retirá y esnan presente den oficio pa es trabao cu nan a hiba en cargo aña pasá.

"E espiritu di cooperacion cual ta existi door di e aña cu a caba, a duna Directiva na tuma un paso grandi di adilanti den relacionnan cu empleadon," Sr. Horigan a bisa. "Directiva atrobe ta wak mas adilanti na es cooperacion di Council den resolve ki sorto di problemas cu por tin durante aña."

Gerente General O. Mingus tambe a expresá su aprecio na e LEC pa nan servicio durante aña cu a caba, y pa e spiritu di cooperacion cual nan a muestra. Sr. Mingus ta desea LEC su miembronan otro termino succesivo den nan puesto, y ta expresá e speranza cu e cooperacion di aña pasá lo sigui.

Actividadnan di LEC di aña pasá tabata revisá door di Superintendent General F. E. Griffin. El a muestra cu "e relacion cual ta existi durante reunionnan, y e trabao duro, den haci affecto di Working Agreement ta di gran significacion." Es relacionnan aki, el a continuá, "tabata conduci na un manera mashar cordial, placentero, y door di un base negociativo."

Den gradicimento di Sr. Griffin na LEC pa nan asistencia durante aña pasá, el a paga un felicitacion especial na Srs. Dirksz y Bishop pa nan capacidad di dirigimento durante e aña.

President di LEC Dirksz a gradeci Compania y e Council pa e coope-

(Continúa na Pagina 5)

mia; productonan bendí ey ta solamente pa nan uso. Kende cu worde descubri cu ta abusando di es privilegiosnan aki door di bolbe vende e mercancía di Commissary lo perde e privilegiosnan di Commissary.

E poliza di Compania su Commissary ta directamente na dos punto: manteniendo un stock constante di articulos di necesidad pa su empleadonan, y ofreciendo es articulonnan aki door di e mas moderno facilidad cu tin.



An interesting future of a life in Boston is in store for Coghlan Searles who is being presented with a farewell gift from his friends in Acid and Edeleanu (above). Mr. Searles has 4½ years service and was given a pen and pencil set and a cigarette lighter and case. Presentation was made by J. L. Hassell.

(Continued from page 3)

matter for the Yard to check its card records and advise Requirements what it can furnish, thus making it unnecessary to order some new items.

Scrap lumber goes to the Yard and is set aside. It may be used for form work, or set aside for some known need (for instance, the carpenters might ask the Yard to save all one-inch and two-inch boards, which are much in demand for concrete form work).

Any material that might possibly be used again is held at the Yard until it is absolutely certain that the Company will have no later need for it. Then it is sold.

Many people tend to think of a salvage yard as little more than a junk heap. Lago's Reclamation Yard is far from that. Most of the materials that come there are worth a lot of money. Some of it, of course, is junk. Then it is sold as scrap. But the great majority of it is material that needs reclaiming - repairing, cleaning, adjusting, smoothing down, and so forth. A valve worth Fls. 400, for instance, may be perfectly all right except for the damage done to its inside parts. A few hours of work at the Yard and a few parts can make it as good as new. Or parts from used items can be salvaged and prove to be of great value later in repairing the same type of equipment.

"Making do" with the materials at hand doesn't mean sacrificing quality or safety in order to use old equipment that you already have. It does mean taking a close look at the materials you have before you spend money for something new. It's foolish to buy a new valve, for instance, if you can reclaim an old one and make it as good as new. That's the belief of the men at the Reclamation Yard - by following it, they are making an important contribution to Lago's program to operate efficiently, safely, and at the lowest cost.





Newly-elected officers of the San Nicolas Cultural Club are seen above with guests who attended the installation ceremonies January 23. Sitting are A. Lewis, L. Edgar, L. Worrell, F. Sampson, R. S. Nicholson, and Miss V. La Bega. Standing are Capt. W. E. Porter, Capt. W. L. Thomas, Mrs. G. Rombly, Mrs. M. V. La Rode, M. V. La Rode, and Capt. J. MacLean.

## S.N. Cultural Club Installs Officers

Officers of the San Nicolas Cultural Club were installed at a meeting of the Club on January 23. Installation ceremonies were held at the French Club.

Installed as officers for the year were L. Worrell, president; L. Edgar, vice president; F. Sampson, secretary; R. S. Nicholson, assistant secretary; and Miss V. La Bega, treasurer.

Present at the ceremonies, in addition to members of the Club, were Capt. W. L. Thomas, Capt. W. E. Porter, and Capt. J. MacLean, all of Lago's Marine Department.

After the installation ceremonies, a floor show was conducted by Ambrose Lewis, providing enjoyable entertainment for the guests and members. Master of ceremonies for the evening was M. V. La Rode, former president and founder of the San Nicolas Cultural Club.

## NEW ARRIVALS

O'BRIEN, George: A son, Kenneth George, January 10.  
TROMP, Leopold: A son, Hendrik, Jan. 10.  
HENRIQUEZ, Ellis: A daughter, Ingrid Verena, January 12.  
RICHARDSON, Cornelius: A son, Pedro Rodriguez, January 12.  
SHAVER, Joe: A daughter, Cynthia Anne, January 12.  
KIRTON, James: A daughter, Yoland Suzette, January 12.  
WEBB, Francisco: A daughter, Rita Comacenda, January 13.  
DE AGUIAR, Martin: A son, Jerome Anthony, January 13.  
JOSEPH, Theophilus: A daughter, Linda Magdalene, January 13.  
SNEEK, Jose: A daughter, Ingrid Marlena, January 13.  
MILLER, Harold: A daughter, Christina Gail, January 14.  
GEERTMAN, Francisco: A daughter, Maria Luisa, January 15.  
LOOPSTOK, Juan: A daughter, Clenda Secundina, January 15.  
MADURO, Felix: A daughter, Helena Mercedes, January 15.  
CAMPBELL, Charles: A daughter, Gwendolyn Dawn, January 15.  
BRYSON, Cyril: A daughter, Silvana Anita, January 15.  
LAMPE, Felix: A son, Raymond Felix, January 16.  
CROES, Marcelo: A son, Marcelo Conzálvo, January 16.  
LAKE, Daniel: A daughter, Clemencia Bernadette, January 17.  
SCHMIDT, Paul: A son, Paul Alec, January 17.  
HASSELL, Donald: A daughter, Gloria Patricia, January 18.  
PONTILUS, Lodewijk: A daughter, Hermelinda Catharina, January 18.  
ESSER, Jacques: A son, August Eugene, January 19.  
SMITH, John: A son, Dennis Randolph, January 19.  
KELLY, Zacharias: A son, Mario, Jan. 19.  
GUADELOUPE, Frederick: A daughter, Sarah Louisa, January 19.  
CUDJOE, Mathias: A daughter, Mary Virginia, January 20.  
ARANDELL, Fernando: A daughter, Nereida Altagracia, January 20.  
FRANKEN, Felipe: A son, Felipe Santiago, January 21.  
DONATI, Juan: A son, Bicente Arturo, January 21.  
BOEKHOUDT, Francisco: A daughter, Filomena, January 21.  
BERKHOUT, Jan: A daughter, Hike Adriana, January 22.  
ROMBLEY, Anselmo: A son, Pedro Francisco, January 22.  
MARK, Lloyd: A son, Lennox Romeo, January 22.  
LEWIS, Ambrose: A daughter, Shireen Lenora, January 22.  
WILLIAMS, Orville: A daughter, Jan. 22.

## Vuurpijlen ta Peligroso

Empleadonan ta descuidadoso tocante tiramento di vuurpijlen y otro sorto di vuurwerk banda di refinaria, mientras cu semper tin e peligro cu un vuurpijl por cay den refinaria y start un candela. En berdad, ta lo cual cu a pasa bispoe di aña nobo, ora cu un vuurpijl a cay cerca di Acid Plant y a start un candela chikito. Fortunadamente, e candela no tabata serio - pero e por tabata serio.

Tabatin otro casonan Bispoe di Aña Nobo cu vuurpijlen a worde tirá na Lago Heights y a baha den tank farm.

Vuurwerk por ser hopi diversión - pero tambe nan por ser hopi peligroso si bo no ta cuidadoso cu nan. Un vuurpijl cu cay den refinaria por haci hopi danjo, poniendo un gran cantidad di bida di hende na peligro. Pa es motivo empleadonan mester tene mashar cuidao tocante tiramento di vuurpijlen.

## Pa Dirigi LEC

(Continúa di Pagina 4)

racion y asistencia cual nan a muestra na su persona durante e aña cu a pasa. Otro miembronan di LEC a junta cu'né den bisa cu es cooperacion aki lo worde duna durante aña. Compania su representantenan y miembronan di Council a paga tributo na Norbert Baptiste, di TSD, kende a retira for di LEC di aña pasá.

Representantenan di Compania kende lo traha hunto cu Lago Employee Council es aña aki lo ta Sr. Griffin, voorzitter; Mechanical Superintendent H. Chippendale; Director di Industrial Relations J. V. Friel; y Technical Superintendent J. M. Whiteley. Sr. Whiteley ta tumando lugar di Personnel Manager F. J. Getts pa es aña aki.

## Aruba-Caracas Telephone Service Gets Underway

Direct radio-telephone service between Aruba and Caracas, Venezuela started last month. The new service went into effect January 15, with appropriate ceremonies at the Venezuelan Consulate here in Aruba.

At a reception at the Consulate, Venezuelan Consul General Ramon Madrid made the connection with Caracas. Lt. Governor L. C. Kwartz made the first call. Others attending the reception included members of the consular corps in Aruba, and other prominent island residents.



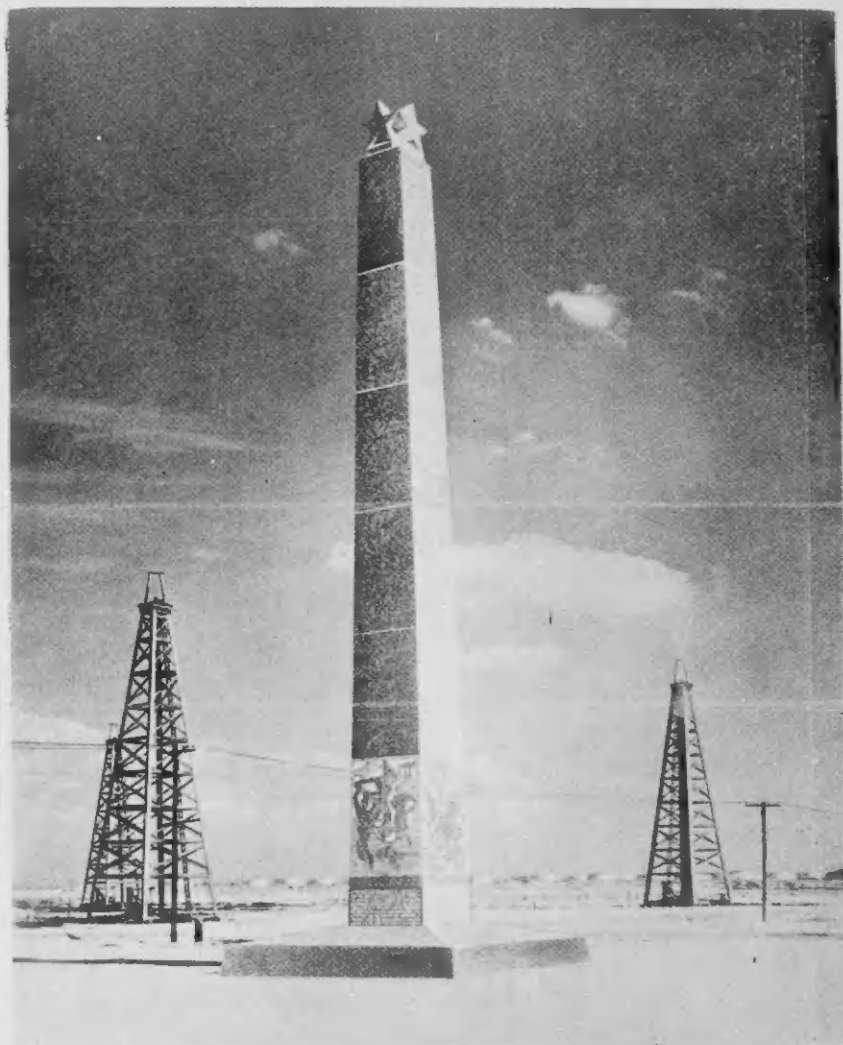
Principles of seamanship are learned by members of the Marine Shoregang during their periods ashore. These men above, while waiting reassignment to lake tankers, get intensive training in various sea-going functions. These men are learning to splice wire. Training includes instruction in rowing boats, sewing canvas, splicing stays and other wires, as well as training in safety and good housekeeping. As a result of the training, when the men return to sea they are better prepared to handle the problems that may come up.

Fundamentonan di marineria ta worde siñá door di miembronan di Marine Shoregang durante nan periodo na terra. Es hombernan ariba, ta tene nan mes ocupa sperando ariba lake tankers.



A concert by the Aruba Little Symphony orchestra was given in Oranjestad January 9. Guest artist was Jacob van der Woude, violinist, concert master of the Maracaibo Symphony. The orchestra, which plays for Aruba Art Circle functions, is composed of 5 Lago employees, and business people and residents of San Nicolas and Oranjestad. F. Steenmijer of Oranjestad is director and organizer.

Un concierto door di Aruba Little Symphony orchestra a worde duná na Oranjestad, dia 9 di Januari. Artista invitado tabata Jacob van der Woude, violinista. E orquesta ta 5 empleado di Lago y hendenan di negocio y residentenan di San Nicolas y Oranjestad. F. Steenmijer di Oranjestad ta director y organizador.



## A New Era in Civilization

On January 10, 1901, the first great oil well in the world — the Anthony F. Lucas gusher at Spindletop, Texas — blew in. It made an estimated 100,000 barrels of oil per day from a depth of 1,160 feet. The well produced 800,000 barrels in the nine days that it ran wild.

Since we here at Lago are engaged in the refining — rather than the producing — part of the petroleum industry, we have no direct contact with oil wells. But oil wells are our life-blood — were it not for them, naturally, we wouldn't have anything to refine here. So today — 50 years after the birth of the first really great oil well — it is significant to look back; to see what effect that first great oil well has had on the world.

The Spindletop monument, shown above, was erected to mark the spot where the Lucas well came in. The inscription at the base reads:

On This Spot  
On The Tenth Day Of The Twentieth Century  
A New Era  
In Civilization Began

The front page of the Beaumont (Texas) Daily Enterprise carried exciting news on January 10, 1901. The story announced the birth of the Lucas well at Spindletop, four miles away. The editor's story carried these details:

"About 10 o'clock this morning while the men employed by Mr. A. F. Lucas were boring for oil, an explosion occurred that forced the tubing into the air like a mere plaything, and then immediately followed a stream of black petroleum. The news was the cause of great excitement, every available livery team being pressed into service to carry people to the well. Men began to feel like millionaires. This discovery will no doubt induce capitalists to prospect on the lands which are not leased, and the result will be beneficial to Beaumont..."

Even if the editor had owned a crystal ball, it is doubtful if he could have foreseen what Spindletop was to mean to Beaumont — and to the entire oil industry. For Spindletop was the grand-daddy of all big wells, the like of which had never been seen before. For nine days before it was capped, Spindletop blew oil and gas 200 feet into the air at the rate of 75,000 to 100,000 barrels a day.

Hurried precautions were taken to shield the shallow lake of oil which covered 100 acres adjacent to the well. Despite these safeguards, sparks from a passing locomotive set the oil afire, and flames and smoke soon mushroomed thousands of feet high. Because it had been capped, the well itself escaped damage.

The news of Spindletop electrified the United States, and 50,000 excited people swarmed into the little town of Beaumont (population 9,000). But Spindletop had more important effects than making a boom town of Beaumont. It marked the beginning of a new period in the young oil industry. It brought in a period of intense activity in oil prospecting and spurred on development of the rich fields of the Gulf coast area and elsewhere. It brought into existence a number of oil companies which are today among the leaders of the modern oil industry. Most of all, the discovery of Spindletop showed what men could do when they were permitted to use their abilities and energies in free and competitive enterprise. Many of these men weren't even professional oil men, but individualists of a very special nature — they were able to overcome tremendous difficulties before and after Spindletop came in.

Through the efforts of such men, oil and its many products have helped make possible the industrial, economic, and social development of civilization. The first great oil well in the world — coming in just half a century ago — did indeed mark a "new era in civilization."



## Aruba from the Air.....Sabaneta



### Committee Seeks to Promote Swimming

An organization has been formed in Aruba to encourage swimming and other water sports. It is the Committee for Promotion of Aquatic Sports in Aruba. Among the aims of the group is to teach swimming to people on the island, especially to school children.

At a recent press conference of the Committee's board, A. van den Berg, chairman, said that statistics showed that an average of six people had drowned in Aruba each year for the ten years ending in 1949. The record for one year, he pointed out, was 11 persons drowned.

This record emphasizes the need for swimming instruction, especially to young people.

Among the other purposes of the Committee are the construction of a swimming pool in Aruba, and the formation of a water polo team.

The Committee would welcome suggestions and comments from anybody in Aruba who is interested in aquatic sports. Letters should be addressed to Joseph A. van der Schoot, Post Office Box 82, Oranjestad.

Members of the Committee's board are Mr. van den Berg, chairman; P. Nagel; Mr. van der Schoot, secretary; Dr. H. P. A. van Schouwen; and L. Bilj.

### Cricket Schedule Changed

Two changes in the Lago Sport Park Cricket schedule recently announced by the Sport Park Recreation Committee will apply to the schedule printed in the January 19 issue of the Aruba Esso News.

In the Intermediate Division, Baden Powell B will play Dominica on March 31 at the Sport Park (instead of Marine), and on May 5, Mercantile will play Marine (instead of Dominica).

### Correccion di Payday

E horanan di pago na Sea Grape Grove Gate (Gate 6) tabata mal poni den e schedule di paydays pa aña 1951 den e ultimo Esso News. Horanan di pago lo ta di 2:30 p.m. te 4:30 p.m., y no for di 2:30 te 6 manera tabata poni.

### Credit Limits Changed

(Continued from page 1)

two purposes. They let you know the amount you can buy at the commissary, and they prevent overdrafts in payroll accounts. To help you keep your purchases in line, commissary credit schedules are posted in several places in the Lago Commissary. These schedules show, by hourly and daily rates, the amount of normal credit to which you are entitled. It is up to the employee to control his purchases so he does not go over his limit. Cash register tapes show the amount of each purchase; employees might keep them to know where their credit stands.

In addition, payroll numbers of employees who have reached their credit limit are posted at the turnstiles of the Commissary, and just beyond the check-out counters. These lists show the payroll numbers of employees who have reached their limits. If uncertain about where your credit stands, check this list to see if your payroll number is on it. It might prevent you from spending time selecting items you want to buy, only to find when you reach the check-out counter that you have already reached your credit limit.

If you go over your credit limit in a pay period, your credit will be reduced accordingly the next pay period. (For example, say that your credit limit is Fls. 120, and you actually buy Fls. 140 worth of merchandise, or Fls. 20 over your limit. In that case your limit for the next pay period will be Fls. 100, reducing your limit by the amount which you went over the pay period before.) Employees who abuse commissary privileges by going over their limit too often may lose their right to buy in the commissary.

The new Commissary provides better service to employees; shopping has been made easier and more convenient, and the new building enjoys a much better location than the old Plant Commissary. However, in line with the Company's commissary policy, the amount of employees' buying capacity has not been increased. It is not the policy of the Company to make available to employees all the food and miscellaneous items they require. This is particularly true in connection with goods that can readily be obtained at all times elsewhere. The Company, through the commissary, seeks to supply a portion of employees' basic living needs,

### Comité Quler Purga Organiza Landamento

Un organizacion a worde formá na Aruba pa encurashá landamento y otro sport den awa. E ta e Comité pa Dunamento di Deporte Acuatico na Aruba. Entre e doel di es grupo aki, tin siñamento di landa na hendenan di es isla, especialmente muchanan di school.

Den un conferencia recientemente di prensa di e Comité, A. van den Berg, voorzitter, a bisa cu e statistiek ta muestra cu un mas o menos seis persona a hoga na Aruba cada aña pa mas o menos diez aña largo te na 1949. E record pa un aña, el a muestra, ta cu 11 hende a hoga.

Entre e otro proposicionnan di e Comité ta un construccion di un zwemkom (swimming pool) na Aruba, y e lantamento di un team di water polo. E Comité ta aprecia suggestionnan y ideanan for di ken cu ta na Aruba, cu ta interesá den deporte acuatico. Cartanan por worde adresá na Joseph A. van der Schoot, Post Office Box 82, Oranjestad.

Miembronan di e Comité ta Sr. van den Berg, voorzitter; P. Nagel; Sr. van der Schoot, secretario; Dr. H. P. A. van Schouwen; y L. Bilj.

especialmente staples. Credit limits and the basis of the cost of living system are determined on the basis of employees purchasing a large part of their food and other items elsewhere. This policy was agreed upon several years ago when the Company and employee representatives worked together to set up the basis for the cost of living survey.

Commissary privileges are for the benefit of employees and their families; products sold there are for their use only. Anyone found abusing these privileges by reselling Commissary merchandise will be subject to loss of Commissary privileges.

The Company's commissary policy is directed toward two ends: maintaining a constant supply of basic living items for its employees, and supplying these items through the most modern facilities available.

Recent tests of the refinery fire alarm showed that telephone wires at the time were overloaded with calls that had nothing to do with fire business. At such times, it is necessary for certain authorized personnel to use phones on fire business. Don't delay their calls by tying up the telephone wires - keep the lines free for necessary calls.

### Hurricane Victims Thank Lago Community Council

Letters thanking the Lago Community Council have been received from the Caribbean islands to which the Council sent relief funds following the disastrous hurricane of last August 31-September 1. All the letters expressed appreciation of the various islands hit by the hurricane to the Council - and others who sent aid - for coming to their support in their time of need.

Following the hurricane, relief drives were immediately organized in Aruba for the purpose of sending aid to the people of the several islands. The Lago Community Council sent a total of \$ 1250 to the five islands that suffered most from the hurricane. Checks of \$ 250 were sent to each of the following: His Honor the Magistrate at Anguilla, B.W.I.; His Honor the Gezaghebber at St. Martin, N.W.I.; His Honor the Mayor at French St. Martin; His Excellency the Governor at Antigua, B.W.I.; and to the Community Relief Council, care of the Mayor, at St. Bartholomew, F.W.I.

### Hotel Nobo Na Caracas

E Hotel Tamanaco, nobo, ta considerá como e hotel di mas grandi den Sur America, tin planeá pa inaugurá den Caracas mei-mei di 1952. E lo tin 12 piso, 400 kamber, y dos vloer bao terra.

Delegacion pa e Convencion Pan Americano pa aña 1953, kende lo reuní den Caracas, lo ocupa es hotel moderno aki.

### Chauffeuran Lo Tin Tempo

Na fin di luna pasá Ontvangers Kantoor na Aruba no tabata sabi ki tempo plachinan di 1951 lo worde bendi. Sinembargo, chauffeuran na Aruba lo hanja tempo suficiente pa cumpra nan plachi despues cu aviso sali.



We don't know the name of this spider, but it is not poisonous even though it has an alarming yellow cross on its back. This particular kind of spider spins a very intricate and beautiful web. It was brought in to us by Juan B. Winterdaal, Garage & Transportation.

### B.G. Government Stock Farm to Be Expanded

Expansion of the British Guiana Government stock farm and other aspects of animal husbandry, are envisioned in plans now being formulated by the government.

The plans will call for a fairly large overall expenditure, and an area of about one hundred acres at the government-owned estate at Cane Grove on the east coast will be used. The amount estimated for the project is to cover mainly the cost of construction of the necessary structures to house the animals which will form the farm's nucleus stock. In addition, it will cover the laying out of the site providing for additional breeding stock.

The new farm is being planned to supplement the work of the farm at the back of Botanic Gardens, which is already overstocked.



These employees recently completed a one-year course in Beginning and Intermediate Typewriting, given by I. R's. Training Division. They are, from the left, Harry Sukhdeo, O. C. Dellimore, Felipe Nicolas, William Wilson, Sydney Greene, Sulin Marshall, Stephen Singh, Rupert Daniel, George Lambert, Maximo Croes and the instructor, W. A. Keibler.

Es empleadonan aki a caba di cumpli curso di un aña den type, duná pa I. R's. Training Division.



One hundredth pilot to receive training in Aruba is J. A. Richardson, Lab 3, (right) who was awarded his flying license on December 9. Commander P. A. de Vuyst, left, congratulates him for successfully completing his course under supervision of the Aruba Flying Club. Also congratulating him in a letter, R. J. Castendijk, director of Civil Aviation in N.W.I., stated "Your achievement, and the fact that you are the 100th to earn the private pilot license, means a milestone in the history of sportsflying in this part of the Netherlands."